

Frequently Asked Questions In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation

Workover Rigs

Q - What is a workover rig?

- A - As defined in section 2449(c)(58), a workover rig is a mobile self-propelled rig used to perform one or more remedial operations, such as deepening, plugging back, pulling and resetting liners, on a producing oil or gas well to try to restore or increase the well's production.



Workover Rig

Workover rigs are very similar to drill rigs in that they are truck-mounted mobile rigs that travel between job sites on public roads. However, these machines are generally located at the job site for weeks before relocating to a different location. Because of the predominant proportion of work done off-road, workover rigs are explicitly included in the scope of the regulation although they can be registered for on-road use.

Q - My workover rig has an on-road engine, and is registered for on-road use. Is it still subject to the off-road regulation?

- A - Yes. All workover rigs, regardless if they contain an off-road or on-road engine, are subject to the requirements of the off-road regulation.

Q - I use my rig for digging and restoring water wells in addition to oil and gas wells. Can it still be considered a workover rig?

- A - No. Only rigs used solely for operations pertaining to oil or gas wells are considered workover rigs under the regulation. If you have an on-road rig that is not considered a workover rig, it may be subject to the Statewide Truck and Bus Regulation. For more information on the Truck and Bus Regulation, see <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm>.

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- Q - My workover rig currently contains an off-road engine. Will I have to replace the off-road engine with an on-road engine?**
- A - You will only have to replace the off-road engine with an on-road engine in a workover rig if you are replacing the rig's engine and if you intend to license the workover rig for on-road use. For further information, please see ARB's enforcement advisory on this issue located at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/guidance/onroadengines.pdf>